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# TECH NEWS



VOL. 7

WORCESTER, MASS., APRIL 18, 1916

NO. 28

## Tech Loses to Springfield

Collegians take 19-0 Game

In a game replete with heavy hitting by the Springfield men and loose fielding on the part of the Tech team, Tech went down to defeat to the tune of 19-1. Springfield registered 18 hits off Luce and Tomblen and this, together with eight errors by the Tech men, was enough to send 19 runs across.



FRANK LUCE  
Tech's Mainstay on the Mound.

Kingman, pitching for Springfield, was in perfect condition and only one hit could be secured from him, Carlson hitting safely in the first. Luce started well, but after some pretty loose support seemed to weaken. Tomblen, who replaced Luce in the third, held Springfield to 8 hits in the five innings he pitched.

Tech showed a deplorable lack of fielding ability and this together with poor judgment in the outfield was the chief cause of their undoing. At the bat, too, the men were totally at sea. The one score for Tech came in the seventh inning when Art Greene hit safely, sending in Bob Greene for Tech's only tally. Lack of practice was plainly evident in the team's playing, the men having little confidence in themselves either in the field or at the bat.

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## Y. M. C. A. Membership

Radical Change

The coming year is to witness a radical change in the basis of membership in the Y. M. C. A. Hitherto, almost the only requirement for membership has been the payment of the fee of one dollar. The real purpose of membership has not been brought out when a student has joined. After long consideration by the Cabinet and by our Advisory Committee, it has been decided to abolish the membership fee, placing membership on a much broader basis, and requesting voluntary subscriptions from all students, whether they are willing to sign the membership statement or not. The plan has been tried in several other colleges with marked success. Harvard, M. I. T., Dartmouth, Amherst and Williams are some of these in New England.

The change does not mean that the Association no longer needs money. On the contrary, in moving into its new quarters in the Gymnasium, much new furniture will be necessary, beside the regular administrative expenses. It is hoped that the financial campaign, on the voluntary basis, will yield larger returns than formerly.

The purpose of the change is to make more definite the objects of the Association and to make its membership more representative of Christian ideals. Students will be enrolled only once in their course. Members will be asked to sign the following statement: It is my purpose to be a loyal follower of Jesus Christ, whom I acknowledge as the master of my life. As an expression of this loyalty, I will seek by my personal efforts, to render more effective the voluntary Christian work of the Institute. I desire, therefore, to become enrolled as a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Worcester Polytechnic Institution.

This is much stronger than the old statement and it is hoped that none will sign it carelessly. The campaign for membership will take place in May.

## JUNIORS ELECTED TO SKULL Senior Honorary Society

The following members of the class of 1817 have been honored by election to the senior society, Skull. This society honors by election to its membership the ten most representative members of the incoming senior class; men who have achieved something for themselves and their Alma Mater along lines of scholarship, athletics or any of the activities connected with the Institute.

The men who were pledged at a class meeting held last Tuesday are: G. M. Pomeroy, H. F. Safford, R. H. Smith, C. S. Darling, H. S. Cushman, M. H. Teaze, E. F. King, W. F. Duffy, T. R. Stenberg and J. R. Wheeler.

## Track in Fair Condition

Workouts Every Afternoon

Although the track is still heavy Coach O'Connor has his men out every night getting the stiffness worked out of their legs. So far the work has been light but from now on "speed" will be the slogan. In order that the men who will make the trip to the Penn Relay Carnival may be in the best of condition, some heavy work will be necessary this week as the trials will be held the last of this week or the first of next.

Manager Stenberg has definitely decided to hold an inter class meet Saturday, April 29th so men who hope to compete must get in shape immediately. The meet with M. A. C. has been shifted from April 22 to May 27 as neither team could get into proper condition at the earlier date.

C. F. Merriam of the M. E. Department has offered his services in assisting Coach O'Connor with the weight men. Merriam has been a consistent performer with the weights and will make a valuable addition to the coaching staff.

## SENIOR INSPECTION TRIP

Prof. C. M. Allen's annual inspection trip for Senior Civils, Mechanics, and Electricians took place Friday, April 14th.

The party left Worcester on the 5.44 train for Springfield. They reached their destination, Holyoke, after an uneventful ride, where the first place visited was the Testing Flume of the Holyoke Water Power Company. This plant is the largest of its kind in the country, and through it water wheels have reached their present high development. At this point the class was given interesting lectures on Testing and Design of Water Wheels by engineers of the Company.

The next place visited was the paper mill of the Crocker McElwain Company, which proved to be very interesting and was given a complete inspection.

The party then went to the Holyoke Dam. On account of the downpour of rain, those of the party who had no umbrellas were supplied by Professor Allen with large pieces of tarred paper to hold over their heads. The sight was a curious one, but there were no quitters in the party.

The Hamilton House was the next place inspected. The party ate dinner here and report that it was not a decorous tea party at that.

The afternoon was taken up by visits to the Hydro-electric station of the Holyoke Water Power Company and to the Deane Pump Works. The Water Power Company supplies water to the city of Holyoke, and in addition makes power for some of the manufacturing plants which use electric power.

Some of the party returned directly to Worcester at 4 o'clock, but a considerable number preferred to visit Mount Holyoke on the way.

## The Tech Team

It has been many a long day since Bancroft Tower has been shaken on its foundations by the enthusiastic roar of a Tech cheering section. But Wednesday the baseball season opens; and the fans' vociferous approval of homers, double plays, and the like will once more cause the old Tower to look to its bearings.

Tomorrow—Patriots' Day—the season starts with Wesleyan. The Connecticut University comes as a new name on Tech's baseball schedule and comes with somewhat of a reputation. But reputation or no reputation, revenge is sweet and the baseball team eagerly waits a chance to avenge the football defeat of last fall.

The team's hopes for vengeance are not based on nothing. It has shown its worth. With a minimum of practise it held Tufts 9-1. Tufts, this last week, has invaded the South and has trounced all its opponents by overwhelming scores. Seton Hall, with the same pitcher against them that opposed Tech, was defeated 10-1.

Captain Stone has gained his old form behind the bat; his catching is sure; his peg, good; and the big stick is not lacking.

Luce ranks well with any college pitchers. His control is excellent and the batters who can consistently solve his delivery are few and far between.

Tomblen, with his wide curve, is also a puzzle; while Brooks, McDonald and Fenn are all shaping up well.

At first, Jack Wheeler is holding his old position with little competition. John's bat is as active as ever and "Hits" is fast becoming his middle name.

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## SIGMA XI ELECTIONS

The following were recently elected to the Worcester Tech Chapter of the honorary society of Sigma Xi:

J. C. Davis and H. P. Fairfield of the faculty; from the seniors, C. H. Burgess, Worcester; J. P. Comstock, Uncasville, Ct.; H. N. Eaton, Cambridge; R. W. Young, Norwich Ct.; R. H. Kienle, East Hampton; W. B. Scott, Providence, R. I.; W. B. Jones, Milford; H. Nutt, Worcester; S. T. Swallow, Gardner; J. A. Blair, Whitinsville; H. A. Maxfield, Lowell; W. H. Colburn, Athol; from the graduate students, C. F. Merriam, Framingham and S. T. Williams, Canton, N. Y.

## CALENDAR

TUESDAY—5 p. m. Meeting of Tech News Staff, News Building.

WEDNESDAY—3 p. m. Tech vs. Wesleyan. Alumni Field.

THURSDAY—

FRIDAY—8 p. m. E. E. Meeting. E. E. Lecture Room.

SATURDAY—3 p. m. Tech vs. Rensselaer. Alumni Field.

SUNDAY—President and Mrs. Hollis at home to students.

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## BOOST TECH

### Editorials

The NEWS takes this opportunity to congratulate the men who have recently been chosen members of Sigma Xi. To attain such a goal is to reach the heights of achievement. May this recognition drive them on to further and far-reaching accomplishments in the realms of science!

Tomorrow the first home game of the season will be played on Alumni Field and this will afford a fine opportunity for the Student body to show that the spirit of last Spring and last Fall has come out from its winter retreat. Show some "pep" get that season ticket and support the team every time. The team is out to win and will give its best, let not the rest be slow to show their appreciation by giving

their support both financial and moral. Remember the men in the bleachers have helped win many a close game.

It was with the deepest regret that the student body received the announcement of Dr. Long's resignation. His good-fellowship has won him a place among the men on the Hill, which it will be impossible to fill. Dr. Long has stood high in the esteem of all who have known him. His keen interest in Institute affairs, his wise counsels, his initiative in affairs of moment will be long remembered by those with whom he has been associated.

Yet, much as we regret to see Dr. Long leave the Institute, we can but wish him success in the fullest measure, in the new and broader field toward which he is to direct his endeavors.

### Y. M. C. A. CABINET

With the single exception of the chairman of the Scholarship Committee, the new Y. M. C. A. cabinet officers have been selected, and will organize at a setting-up conference early in May. The men who will guide the work for the coming year are: President, Maxton H. Flint, '17; vice-president, Russell W. Hirst, '18; secretary, Russell Keith, '19; Treasurer Norman C. Firth, '18. As heads of the various committees: Northfield, Harold S. White, '17; Membership, Alfred W. Francis, '17; Voluntary Study, Russell W. Hirst, '18; Industrial Service, Charles W. Parsons, '19; Church Relations, Lawrence G. Bean, '19; Hand-book, Clinton S. Darling, '17; Social, Charles A. Thrasher, '17; Calendar, Roland H. Taylor, '18; Publicity, John F. Kyess, Jr., '18; New Students, Myron C. Goddard, '18; Prayer, Hugh S. Howes, '18; Populars, A. A. Smith, '17.

### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB PRESENTS PLAY

Chinese Play to be Given in May  
The Worcester Tech Cosmopolitan Club is making plans to present a show early in May which, it is thought, will prove an innovation on the Hill. It is to be a Chinese play presented by a cast consisting entirely of Chinese men and women. In addition there will be Chinese feature attractions which by their uniqueness should be very interesting. The show is of a nature that a Worcester audience has seldom had the privilege of witnessing and the Oriental flavor of it is sure to be appreciated. Tech men are urged to keep this play in mind. Further notice regarding it will appear later.

### Y. M. C. A. SUBSCRIPTION CANVASS

The financial committee of the Young Men's Christian Association expects to conduct this year's canvass of the student body during the week of April 24. This year the association expects to raise enough in addition to its usual budget to buy furniture for the new rooms. Every student should carefully consider the matter before making his subscription. The work of this organization deserves stronger financial support from the student body than it has received in the past.

### DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Dramatic Association Friday noon in Boynton Hall to elect officers for the ensuing year and to conduct such other business as may come before the Association. The full membership is urged to be present.

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Fred M. Feiker, Class of 1904, editor-in-chief of the "Electrical World," will speak at the monthly meeting of the W. P. I. Branch, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, in E. E. Hall, at 8 p. m., Friday, April 21. His subject will be "The Electrical Engineer and His Industry." Mr. Feiker's position and experience are such that his lecture should prove of great interest to all students. Especially does he deserve a hearing by the Freshmen who are trying to decide on their Tech course.

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**TECH LOSES TO SPRINGFIELD***(Continued from Page 1)*

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Callard rf c	6	1	2	4	1	0	0
Kingman p	5	2	3	5	1	3	0
Whalen lb	6	2	2	4	8	0	0
Miller 3b	5	3	1	3	0	1	1
Kindle 2b cf	4	2	3	4	1	0	0
McIntyre cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitterlink lf	6	3	4	4	2	0	0
Bigler cf 2b	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
Stiene c	4	2	1	2	1	1	0
House p	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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Carlson 3b	4	0	1	1	2	2	1
Stone c	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
Wheeler lb	3	0	0	0	7	0	1
Luce p rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Lemay rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tombles p	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
R. Green ss	2	1	0	0	2	4	2
Sjostrom cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Case 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Warner 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	2	2	24	13	8
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Springfield	2	3	0	6	3	0	5
Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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COMMITTEE**

The senior class has appointed the following men to serve on the Commencement Week Committee: H. A. Cleveland, chairman, D. K. Beach, J. A. Blair, E. E. Royal, and R. W. T. Ricker. The seniors at a recent class meeting voted not to appoint any junior class marshals, as there were last year, to assist in the Commencement exercises. Pres. C. A. Stone will take charge of the duties formerly incumbent upon these marshals. At a later date the senior class will elect the juniors who will usher at the baccalaureate sermon.

**THE TECH TEAM***(Continued from Page 1)*

At second there is competition galore. Case, Reed and Warner are all in the run and who's who is a question.

At short, Veteran Greene still holds forth. He scoops the grounders as of yore and his batting is growing most weighty.

At third Carlson is the Freshman find. He looks, acts and is a ball player. That's all.

King, too, is pressing hard for an infield position, and at any time he may displace one of the present infielders.

In the gardens, Green is unusually fast. Daniels has a host of experience, a good arm, and is a hard hitter; Lemay, too, is a handy man with the stick; Sjostrom is a clever fielder; and Woodman, Titcomb, Russell and Howes show possibilities.

These men are ready for tomorrow, the school is ready and now if the disturbing weather behaves itself, another victory will start the home season.

**THE WESLEYAN TEAM**

In Wesleyan we are sure to face a strong opponent tomorrow, for although they have been somewhat hampered as well as Tech by the late season, six veterans are found in their line-up. Wesleyan, in their first game this season, won over Bowdoin and results show that the Middletown squad can get their bats on the ball as well as their eyes. Westcott, who is slated to pitch tomorrow, starred in this game after an absence of a year from his team. Coach Keran has two experienced men for catcher, Chapin and Widdoes. Captain Markthaler will play first base, having had two years experience at that position. Becker and Stookey, the only other veterans will play second base and left field respectively.

Even though the infield is composed nearly wholly of men of long experience, the remainder of their team has had only poor weather and field conditions of this season during which to develop.

The Wesleyan line-up will be as follows:

Chapin or Widdoes, catcher.  
Westcott, pitcher.  
Markthaler, 1st base.  
Becker, 2d base.  
Stookey, left field.  
Beeman, 3d base.  
Harman, right field.  
Lawson, short stop.  
Webb, center field.

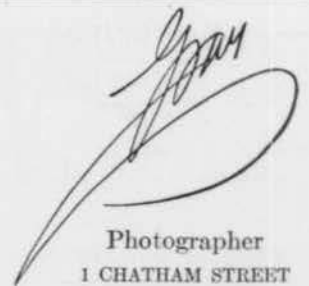
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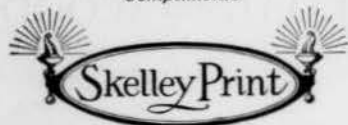
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HORACE FREDERICK BANAN

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Once he was out of the shell of reticence, Horace's progress in the numerous arts and sciences was rapid. Having been endowed with a wonderful physique and an inherent ability in the use of it, track athletics interested him, with the result that for the last four years he has been a regular member of the track team. Although specializing in the weight events here, he has made many conquests in the quarter mile and broad jump while participating in outside meets.

In football as well the coaches found no difficulty in placing Banan where he was needed. Beginning in his Sophomore year he has been a regular member of the Varsity team each year, with guard or tackle as his position. He has proved to be a consistent, dependable player rather than a flashy, erratic one, and as such his work in the games was never given the mention it deserved. His fellow-players did, however, recognize this trait and elected him Captain of the 1915 football team. Under his leadership the eleven played through the most ambitious schedule ever attempted by a Tech team, and although not always victorious, every man on the team put forth his best efforts to uphold the honor of the school.

When the rifle team was organized in 1913, Banan was one of the first to join and has been a participant in the majority of the matches since that time. At the present he holds the range record under the old style rules. This last year he has been President of the Club, and as such has handled the affairs in a commendable manner.

The many and varied class committees have often contained "H. F." as one of their number, his selection for such duties being but a recognition of his capacity for work. As Head Junior Marshall during the Commencement exercises last June, he caused all the functions to be run off in their proper sequence and with extreme smoothness.

This is not a life history, hence the minor accomplishments of this Senior cannot be enumerated here. It will suffice to say that he belongs to the Honorary Society

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of Skull and is the Senior representative to the Tech Council. His friends at Tech are many and their best wishes will follow him after Commencement, wherever he may go.

INTER-FRATERNITY BASEBALL

At a meeting of the inter-fraternity baseball league held last Friday evening at the Delta Tau House, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: president, A. T. Sibley; secretary, C. A. Perkins; treasurer, Ralph Ward. A committee was appointed to draw up a schedule and another to select a trophy for the winners.

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS AWAY

The annual conference of the officers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held at Hanover N. H. last Friday to Sunday. The officers were entertained by the Dartmouth Christian Association. The local association was represented by Gen. Sec. Gren O. Pierrel, Pres. Maxton H. Flint '17 and Vice-Pres. Russell Hirst '18.

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